



## Wivenhoe Town Council

**MINUTES** of the Extraordinary Full Town Council meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 6 January 2026 at 7.00pm **Chair Approved**

Present: Cllr Guy (Chair), Cllr Hailes-Morley, Cllr Luxford-Vaughan, Cllr Boughton, Cllr Burke, Cllr Multon, Cllr Evans, Cllr Harmon, Cllr Aldis, Cllr Maltby, Cllr Andrew, Cllr Widgery, Andy Hearn (Estates Manager) Jo Beighton-Emms (Town Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

Public Questions: Terry Garland had provided correspondence to the council regarding actions to be taken in light of the injunction which had been served by the protest group but he did not speak at the meeting.

### PART A

EFC/01.26/01 Apologies for absence: Cllr Blomeley. His apologies were accepted.

EFC/01.26/02 Declarations of interest: None.

EFC/01.26/03 Proposal by Cllr Guy: That WTC considers three quotations for resurfacing the High Street car park and agrees on instructing a contractor (Quotations previously circulated)

The councillors considered three quotations which had been previously circulated and were summarised as follows on screen:

Resurfacing, exclusive of VAT

1. Colne Contracts- £22,950
2. Paverose Ltd- £63,000
3. P O'Driscoll- £39,000

Potholes only exclusive of VAT

1. Colne Contracts-£12,420
2. Paverose Ltd- £26,000
3. P O'Driscoll- £12,500

Andy explained the variances between the quotations. He confirmed that he was happy with the proposed scope of work by Colne Contracts for the resurfacing. It was discussed that it made sense for the work to be done whilst the fencing was in place (*this was for the tree felling but this did not go ahead because of an injunction*) and that any work should be done before car park charges are introduced. Also, that the car park is getting to the point where it would be unusable. It was agreed that it made financial sense for the resurfacing to be done rather than just pothole repairs.

Cllr Luxford-Vaughan updated the council on enquiries she had made with Liam McGarry, CCC Tree Officer, about measures which should be in place in order to carry out the work with the injunction in place. This included having a qualified person on site to oversee the works and ensure that there was no damage to the oak tree. This however was on the basis that there was a TPO on the oak tree. Cllr Guy read out an email from James Ryan, CCC sent to the tree protest group on 5 January 2026

confirming all the reasons why a TPO will not be put on the oak tree, following a further request from the tree protest group for one to be placed.

Cllr Guy said that everyone can rest assured that advice will be taken to ensure that the works can go ahead in line with the injunction and the oak tree will not be damaged.

Cllr Luxford-Vaughan suggested that the proposal should be amended to include the caveat that the works will proceed on the understanding that legal advice is provided to ensure compliance with the injunction.

Cllr Guy made the proposal that WTC has considered three quotations and agrees on instructing the preferred contractor, Colne Contracts, to carry out the resurfacing works at the High Street car park in the sum of £22,950, subject to legal advice being provided on preventing damage to the oak tree and adherence to the injunction.

This was seconded by Cllr Hailes-Morley, with all in favour, with the exception of Cllr Maltby who voted against the proposal and asked for her vote to be recorded. She said that she would favour a more cautious approach.  
Carried.

EFC/01.26/04 Exclusion of press and public: In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Council is invited to consider if the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item(s) owing to the confidential nature of the business.

None

The chair closed the meeting at 7.30pm.